

# Prison Sentence for Man in Domestic Dispute

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*Others face prison for assault, weapons, and robbery charges*

Deputy Attorney General Anna Currier secured a prison sentence for a 37-year-old Newark man who pled guilty earlier this year to Strangulation, Tampering with a Witness, and Assault Third Degree. In December 2017, George Bishop assaulted his girlfriend by punching, strangling, and pouring bleach on her. After his arrest, Bishop violated a protective order by contacting the victim, resulting in additional charges. A Superior Court judge sentenced Bishop to 7 years in prison, followed by 12 months of either home confinement or work release, then 18 months of GPS-monitored probation. DOJ social worker Stacey Murphy assisted with the prosecution.

A 23-year-old Elkton, MD man faces at least 5 years in prison after pleading guilty to charges of Assault First Degree, Assault Second Degree, and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony. In June 2018, Daquan Hammond shot two people as they sat on the porch of a house on Rambo Terrace in New Castle. Hammond faces a minimum mandatory sentence of at least 5 years in prison when sentenced by a Superior Court judge in April. Deputy Attorney General Will Rasis secured the guilty plea, with paralegal Julianne Besznyak and social

worker Courtney Cochran assisting with the case.

A string of robberies in the Newark and Bear area resulted in prison for a 34-year-old from Bear. Deputy Attorney General Marc Petrucci secured the sentence for Thomas Watson. Between December 2017 and January 2018, police believed Watson robbed 7 commercial businesses. In August, Watson pled guilty to 2 counts of Robbery First Degree. A Superior Court judge sentenced Watson to 6 years in prison followed by 6 months of probation. Detectives from the New Castle County Police Department and the Delaware State Police jointly investigated the case.